Rs. 2,65,749 (Rs. 2,64,214) which works out to 16·3 (19.7) per cent per annum on the capital invested.

712. The passenger fare was being collected at the rate of 6 pies per mile per passenger and in view of the increased cost in operation owing to rise in prices on tyres, petrol and spare parts, it was raised to 8 pies with effect from 1st December 1949, for the first 50 miles and 6 pies thereafter.

713. The question of taking over of the Sunkal Farm Area for the construction of an Automobile Workshop and Maintenance Depot was under consideration.

(iv) Electrical Department.

714. The gross receipts of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 1,06,51,705 for nine months as against Rs. 1,33,26,510 for twelve months during the previous year.

715. The net receipts under both "power" and "telephones" after meeting all the operational and maintenance charges and contributions to pension, provident and depreciation funds and payment of dearness allowances and audit and accounts charges and writing off of losses on stores and dismantling idle power installations and recovering establishment and tools and plant charges on works executed to other Government departments, Municipalities and private bodies amounted to Rs. 49,13,694 (Rs. 68,75,140) under "Power" Rs. 47,01,758 and under "Telephones" Rs. 2,11,936.

Net receipts Power and Telephones.

716. The net return on the capital expenditure excluding the expenditure incurred on Mahatma Gandhi Hydro-Electric Works, Mekedatu Surveys and Trolley Bus Scheme works out to 7·9 per cent as against 10 per cent in the previous year.

717. The number of towns and villages electrified was 439 (402).

718. New service to 8,820 installations for both industrial, agricultural, lighting and heating and domestic purposes was given raising the number of live installations to 94,490 (85,670).

719. Three hundred and twenty-three irrigation pumps were serviced during the year bringing the total installations to 1,782 (1,459). Priority in arranging power

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supply to these installations in the interest of "Grow More Food" policy was continued.

720. Twenty-three thousand six hundred and fifty-seven street lights of varying capacities from 60 C.P. to 1,000 C.P. in towns, cities and major municipalities were in existence as against 21,584 street lights at the end of last year.

721. The three generating stations at Sivasamudram, Shimshapura and Jog had generated 310,508,500 (373,414,700) units of power. The total length of the High Tension Transmission lines under charge stood at 1,548 circuit miles and 1,100 route miles as against 1,421 circuit miles and 937 route miles at the end of last year.

722. The total capital expenditure incurred on works during the year under "38—A.K.R.S. Hydro-Electric Works" excluding the net debits to "suspense" under Capital account amounted to Rs. 2,26,22,592 as against the revised budget grant of Rs. 2,95,96,000.

723. The expenditure under Mahatma Gandhi Hydro-Electric Project comprising both I and II Stage works and a partial expenditure of the Civil Works pertaining to the project from 1st October 1949 and the Transmission Line Works amounted to Rs. 78,58,803.

724. The expenditure on "Mekadatu Project" mostly the expenditure on surveys and preparation of estimates and maintenance of Camp in Sangam was Rs. 14,494.

725. The capital expenditure incurred on Automatic Telephones was Rs. 2,13,408 and an expenditure of Rs. 3,25,854 was incurred on frequency conversion scheme. The total expenditure under power supply to irrigation pumps amounted to Rs. 6,46,088 (Rs. 9,00,000).

726. An expenditure of Rs. 17,95,384 was incurred to meet the increasing demands of the consumers for power supply to various purposes. Apart from the works of increasing the capacities of distribution transformers, conductors, provision of equipment like tools, testing intruments, meters and other allied works were carried out. The outstanding feature of this group of works was the installation of step-down transformers to facilitate increased power supply.

727. The expenditure incurred on Trolley Bus Scheme in Bangalore amounted to Rs. 38,354.

728. The opening balance of stores at the beginning of the year was Rs. 85,31,464 (Rs. 76,74,822) and articles worth Rs. 4,22,85,074 (Rs, 1,73,69,318) were purchased during the year. Stores of the value of Rs. 3,79,97,624 (Rs. 1,38,42,854) were issued. The closing balance of stores on hand was Rs. 1,28,18,911. (Rs. 85,31,464). Stores.

729. There were 28 unforeseen interruptions to service lasting for 3 hours and 45 minutes. Thirty-five shut-downs were pre-arranged lasting for 45 hours and 6 minutes mainly to change power service between Bhadravathi and Mysore and from Sivasamudram system to Jog system. Interruptions.

730. There were 25 fatal accidents to persons, of which 22 died of electrocution and 3 of other accidents on works, seven of whom were departmental employees and the rest private individuals. Accidents.

731. The Department handed over the entire Automatic Telephone Exchange System to the Post and Telegraphs Department. The Department made good progress on major schemes like the Mahatma Gandhi Hydro-Electric Works, expansion of High Tension Transmission Lines and Distribution of power to the remote villages in the several Districts of the State. General.